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Federal Courthouses to Offer Remote Viewing of Proposition 8 Trial

SAN FRANCISCO – A live video and audio feed from the upcoming Proposition 8 trial in San Francisco will be available for public viewing in federal courthouses elsewhere in California, and in Oregon, Washington and New York, it was announced today. Video and audio of the trial, which is scheduled to begin Monday, January 11, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. (PDT), will be distributed via electronically secure means to the federal courthouses listed below.

The Proposition 8 case, officially known as *Perry v. Schwarzenegger*, is the first in which video will be recorded and disseminated by the court under a pilot program approved by the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit, governing body for federal courts in the western states. The civil, non-jury trial of a constitutional challenge to California's gay marriage ban will be presided over by Chief District Judge Vaughn R. Walker of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

The U.S. District Court in San Francisco, which has installed cameras and obtained other equipment for video recording, will fully control the process. Because this is an experimental effort, the court cannot guarantee the reliability, accuracy or availability of the audio/video presentation. Further, Judge Walker has reserved the right to terminate any part of the audio, or video, or both, for any duration, or to terminate the complete experiment at any time.

The trial is expected to last about two weeks. While it is intended that the remote viewing locations would be available for the entire trial, adjustments may be made. Due to time zone differences, starting and ending times will differ and viewing hours may be limited at some remote viewing locations. Public access to the remote viewing locations will be on a first-come-first-served basis. No photographs or recording of the audio and video displayed at the remote viewing locations will be allowed.

Information about *Perry v. Schwarzenegger* is available online at the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California: www.cand.uscourts.gov.

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REMOTE VIEWING LOCATIONS

(Additional sites may be announced)

Perry v. Schwarzenneger
Case No. 3:09-cv-02292
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

James R. Browning United States Courthouse
95 7th St.
San Francisco, California
Library Conference Room, First Floor

United States Court of Appeals
Pioneer Courthouse
700 S.W. Sixth Avenue
Portland, Oregon
Courtroom, Second Floor

William K. Nakamura United States Courthouse
1010 Fifth Avenue
Seattle, Washington.
Courtroom One, Eighth Floor

Theodore Roosevelt United States Courthouse
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York
Courtroom 8A South, Eighth Floor

Richard H. Chambers United States Courthouse
125 South Grand Avenue
Pasadena, California
Courtroom Three, First Floor

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